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Celeste Mattina named NLRB Acting Deputy General Counsel

Celeste J. Mattina has been appointed Acting Deputy General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board after serving a decade as Regional Director in the Manhattan office (Region 2). A career agency employee, Ms. Mattina will begin her newest assignment October 18.

In announcing the appointment, Acting General Counsel Lafe Solomon noted that Ms. Mattina has distinguished herself throughout her career with the Agency. "Celeste Mattina brings energy, insight and deep institutional knowledge to this job, as well as valuable experience from the field. I know she will be a strong partner in our continuing efforts to improve our operations and our service to those whose rights we protect."

Born in New York City, she joined the NLRB in 1975 as a Field Attorney in the Newark, New Jersey (Region 22) office and was named Supervisory Attorney in that office before being promoted to the Washington, DC headquarters in 1989. There, Ms. Mattina served in the Division of Operations, where she was ultimately responsible for oversight of the administration of NLRB Regional offices in Boston, New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Newark, Puerto Rico, Brooklyn and Hartford. She also helped lead a number of important agency initiatives during that time, including streamlining case-handling procedures for representation cases, and represented the General Counsel in the Agency's Labor Management Partnership Counsel and in collective bargaining negotiations with the union that represents regional office employees.

Ms. Mattina received a B.A. degree from the University of Puerto Rico in 1971, graduating magna cum laude; a J.D. degree cum laude from that university in 1974 and an L.L. M. degree in labor relations from the New York University School of Law in 1977.

On June 20, Mr. Solomon was <u>appointed Acting General Counsel</u> by President Obama. Current Deputy General Counsel John Higgins recently <u>announced his retirement</u> after a 46-year career with the Agency, effective later this year.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the authority to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have a union as their collective bargaining representative. The Agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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